

As an American citizen, voter and taxpayer, I am writing to urge you to completely replace the lethal dose testing that involves animals with non-animal, in vitro methods.

We are living in a new century, we have new methods. Like switching from regular mail to e-mail...it is time! In vitro methods are, from what I have read, efficient and reliable. Seeing how much of anything it takes to kill an animal is just so primitive. One day in the future, we will read about this practice and regard in much the same way as people today regard bloodletting or stretching reluctant talkers on the rack.

Please, please, follow your heart on this one and think of the dogs, rabbits, rats... animals with eyes, ears, hearts and yes..feelings. As an American, I think -- especially in light of the terrorism-- if we want to have the moral high ground, we have to behave in a moral fashion, not just toward the powerful, but toward the helpless. This is my voice for the voiceless. I pray you will open your minds and consider the humane alternative. God Bless.